



ANNUAL PROGRAM  
For PROPOSED PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
FY 2021



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Dear Ms. Lhotsky:

Attached please find one (1) original copy of the Fiscal Year 2021 Program Open Space Annual Program for Somerset County, including:

Development Projects (4)  
County Project Location Map (1)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at (410) 651-4980.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Sterling, Jr.", is written over the word "Respectfully,".

Gregory C. Sterling, Jr.  
Director

## 2021 Program Open Space Local Plan Locations

1. Mt. Vernon Park
2. Great Hope Golf Course
3. Long Centralized Athletic Complex
4. Marion Recreation Area



## **FY 2021 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE PLAN**

The following projects are planned in Somerset County to enhance the public's access to quality recreation and safe facilities. In determining the priorities for Open Space Projects in the county the following factors were considered:

1. Number of people impacted
2. Date of last POS project completed at that site
3. How the project benefits the citizens in the outlying areas of Somerset County
4. How the project contributes to the overall fitness and opportunities for exercise of the populace

### **Mt. Vernon Park Enhancements**

This park serves the residents of Mt. Vernon and the surrounding areas. It has a pavilion and 2 playground areas. The plan is to add a small storage shed, enhance the pavilion, install 1 new piece of playground equipment and 2-3 pieces of workout equipment and improve upon the landing and surrounding areas of existing playground equipment by upgrading the surrounds and filling with a long lasting bedding.

### **Long Centralized Athletic Facility**

This is the hub for Somerset Recreational activities hosting sports, picnics, family events, walking, playground and general fitness. The plan is to enhance the park by improving upon the surface of the ½ mile walking trail, adding 4-6 workout stations and a shaded area, and adding a multi-use surface for basketball, paddle sports and other games.

### **Great Hope Nature and Wellness Trail**

This project in conjunction with the funds provided from the Land and Water Conservation Grant will establish a permanent nature and wellness trail at Great Hope Golf Course that will be accessible to the general public. The trail will encourage a greater number of people to use the facility for activities in addition to golf and provide options for low to high impact exercise with the placement of fitness equipment on the trail. Also, a rehabilitation of the existing pavilion will create options for park type activities on site.

### **Marion Recreation Area**

This project seeks to rehabilitate this rural area basketball and tennis facility by resurfacing the courts, replacing the fencing, installing new basketball goals and tennis standards and providing areas for seating.

Somerset County is happy to present its annual plan for Program Open Space and considers the funding provided by this program to be essential in meeting our Recreational goals and providing safe and meaningful opportunities for our citizens and visitors.

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